

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 8th April 2012

IRTS 80th Anniversary AGM & Rally

Time is ticking fast for the imminent 80th Anniversary IRTS AGM and Rally. Less than two weeks remain from now. As you can appreciate this is a very special anniversary and you are asked to make all reasonable efforts to attend. Dinner tickets are just €32, a reduction on previous years and represents great value for this very special dinner. B&B is €55 for single and a double is €65. The Venue is Fairways Hotel Dundalk, telephone 042-9321500. The radio rally and exhibition will be held in the large conference hall with lots of space to move about and to peruse at your leisure. It all happens over the weekend of April 21st & 22nd.

Dinner tickets should be bought now by contacting Thos EI2JD on 087-2953256 or email thoscaffrey /at/ hotmail.com or by contacting any IRTS committee member. A very warm welcome awaits you.

Counties Contest

A brief reminder that the 2 metres counties contest takes place tomorrow, Easter Monday. It runs from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm local time and uses both FM and SSB; the same station may be worked on both modes. The multipliers are the 32 EI and GI counties.

Note that there is a special QSY rule in this contest. After any QSO in which you are called by another station, you must QSY to another channel (FM), or by at least 3 kHz (SSB), before soliciting another QSO, so the station calling CQ or QRZ must QSY once a contact has been made, while the station answering the CQ or QRZ has the frequency for one more contact.

Please support this contest, either from home or from the hills. It's a good opportunity to work rare counties and touch base with old friends!

North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group will be activating Mizen Head Visitors Centre again this year for Marconi weekend. The callsign, EI0IMD, will be on the air from 20th April - 22nd April inclusive. As you may know, Marconi Day is on 21st April this year and

we will be operating over the full 24 hour period on this day in order that collectors of the Marconi Award will have the opportunity to add us to their list. Mizen Head is a beautiful location and well worth a visit.

The North Cork Radio Group are also pleased to announce confirmation of their annual rally, to be held on Sunday, 9th September 2012 at the Roebuck Room, Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork. Doors open at 11am and admission is €5 per person (children are free, as per usual). Raffle tickets will also be available at the door. The usual traders will be present, and anyone wishing to reserve a table, or would be interested in setting up a stall, should contact Edwin Van Mierlo (EI2HEB) on 086 3885741 or via email at ei2heb/at/ei1nc.com. More details will be available in the coming months.

Based on the success of our previous rallies, we wish to confirm that all our future rallies will be held each year in September for the foreseeable years. This date will usually be on the Sunday between the GAA All Ireland Hurling and Football finals. All details concerning venue, times etc will be confirmed closer to these dates."

Gi2012MGY

A special event station located in Belfast from onboard the SS Nomadic - Titanics 'Little Sister'.

To mark the Centenary of the sinking of the Titanic, City of Belfast Radio Amateur Society (CoBRAS) will be QRV on most HF bands, CW and SSB, from onboard 'the Nomadic' from 12th - 18th April. The SS Nomadic is the only remaining historic link to the Titanic left afloat, and she is also the last surviving White Star Line vessel in the world. Like Titanic herself she was built at the shipyards of Harland and Wolff in Belfast, and served as a tender to the Olympic and Titanic. She is currently undergoing restoration work in the docks where she was built, adjacent to the new Titanic Belfast visitor attraction.

International interest in all things 'MGY' is reaching extraordinary levels - and the extremely rare Gi2012 prefix is sure to add extra interest from WPX hunters. CoBRAS members look forward to working many EI stations during the week of activity from onboard this unique ship.

Further information and QSL details can be found under Gi2012MGY at QRZ.com

Worked All Ireland Squares Afloat

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club will be voyaging afloat on Easter Monday evening and hopes to activate Worked All Ireland Squares –H32, H33 and H23.

All are in County Fermanagh and include the waters of Upper Lough Erne near the SHARE Centre.

Using the Full (Club) License call sign G10LEC – Lough Erne Club – the station will be on SHARE's waterbus, the Inishcruiser, and active from about 5.00 pm (after the 2m counties contest) until 7.00 pm or after on the 40m WAI Frequency 7.170 MHz.

Many thanks from Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club to the 300 involved in last Sunday's Rally at SHARE - visitors, club members helping, folk there to trade or display, and friends.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will operate as EI2WRC for the IRTS 2 metres Counties Contest on the bank holiday Monday (9 April) from Devils Bit. Members wishing to get involved should contact the club at; info/at/searg.com.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The AGM of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society was held Wednesday 4th April 2012. The following officers have been appointed.

President-Tom, EI9CJ Chairman- Thos, EI2JD Secretary-Aidan, EI7JC Treasurer-Jim, EI2HJB PRO-Anthony, EI2KC

V51VHF

Thanks to the cooperation from Italian and Hungarian OM and the helpfulness of Pieter V51PJ, we have now 2 new beacons on air from Namibia for TEP observations. They are 24h a day qrv from JG82IE

Callsign V51VHF

70.005 CW - 35 Watt - 6el DK7ZB beam N 71.430 CW - ? Watt - 10el. DK7ZB beam N

Lighthouse Weekend

PA3CNI and PA3AAF will participate the lighthouse weekend, 18 and 19 august 2012, from the former lighthouse Old Kraggenburg (NL0010) in the Netherlands. This lighthouse was in use till the Zuidersea became a polder (1942), now it is a coaching center (www.debron.nu) Activities will be on HF in CW/SSB. Qsl via buro.

Comoros DXpedition

A few more details on the upcoming D64K DXpedition were released this past week by Frabrizio, IW3SQY. A team of European operators will be active as D64K from Comoros Islands (IOTA AF-007) in August 2012.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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